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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
 SUBJECT: THE MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

MURREY HARDER REPORTS THAT TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER IHSAN SAGBI CAGLAYANGIL WARNED THAT FAILURE TO LIFT THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY QUICKLY WILL "SERIOUSLY IMPERIL OUR RELATIONS," BUT HE STOPPED SHORT OF SETTING A DEADLINE ON CLOSING ANY AMERICAN BASES. HIS BLUNT WARNING WAS DELIVERED AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE CENTO ANNUAL MEETING. (A-1)

TWELVE USAID PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS HELD BY PROCOMMUNIST STUDENTS FOR MORE THAN A WEEK IN SAVANNAKHET WERE RELEASED AND FLOWN TO THAILAND ALONG WITH OTHER AMERICANS AND FOREIGNERS. A U.S. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED IN VIENTIANE. (A-1)

ACCORDING TO MARILYN BERGER, ARAB OFFICIALS SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD FROM 76 SENATORS IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW EFFECTIVE THE U.S. COULD BE AS A MEDIATOR OF THE MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE. (A-1)

PRESIDENT FORD SAID YESTERDAY THAT HE WILL NAME A WHITE HOUSE SCIENCE ADVISER, A JOB ABOLISHED BY FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON IN JANUARY, 1973. (A-2)

DAN MORGAN REPORTS THAT A 400,000-TON U.S. WHEAT SHIPMENT TO TURKEY HAS BEEN HELD UP FOR WEEKS IN A LEGAL SNARL DIRECTLY

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RELATED TO DECLINING WORLD GRAIN PRICES. (A-3)

AN EDITORIAL SAYS THAT THE MURDER OF TWO AMERICAN COLONELS BY TERRORISTS IN IRAN IS NOT ONLY A REGRETTABLE EVENT IN ITSELF BUT A REMINDER OF THE RISKS OF AN UNCRTICAL EMBRACE OF THE SHAH. FOR HE RULES HIS COUNTRY IN A TIGHT, SOMETIMES BRUTAL, MILITARY WAY THAT AT ONCE PROVOKES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF INTERNAL OPPOSITION AND PREVENTS THAT OPPOSITION FROM BEING EXPRESSED BY MEANS OTHER THAN TERROR. AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE PRONE TO DESCRIBE IRAN AS A "MAJOR ELEMENT OF STABILITY" IN THE REGION. BUT THE SHAH'S PREOCCUPATION WITH INTERNAL SECURITY SUGGESTS THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THE INTERNAL THREATS TO HIS OWN "STABILITY" BETTER THAN SOME OF HIS ADMIRERS DO. (A-18)

AMBASSADOR SCALI SAID YESTERDAY AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION "WOULD VIRTUALLY COMMAND SOME KIND OF RETALIATORY ACTION" IF ISRAEL IS SUSPENDED AT THE SEPTEMBER UN SESSION. (A-22)

ALEXANDER SHELEPIN, WHO WAS DROPPED A MONTH AGO FROM THE COUNTRY'S RULING POLITHURD, TODAY LOST HIS POST AS HEAD OF THE COUNTRY'S TRADE UNIONS, HIS LAST POSITION OF INFLUENCE. (A-25)

ANGRY RIGHTISTS DEMONSTRATED IN DOWNTOWN MADRID YESTERDAY DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION OF PREMIER CARLOS ARIAS NAVARRO AND HIS GOVERNMENT, WHICH THEY CHARGED COULD NOT CONTROL BASQUE SEPARATISM. THE RIGHTISTS DEMANDED A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT BEFORE PRESIDENT FORD VISITS SPAIN MAY 31. (A-27)

STEPHEN ROSENFELD WRITES OF THE PROBLEMS PRESIDENT FORD MAY ENCOUNTER WITH CONGRESS IF AND WHEN A NEW TREATY ON THE PANAMA CANAL IS SENT TO THE SENATE FOR RATIFICATION. (A-28)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

DAVID ANDELMAN SAYS THAT THE U.S., AT THE REQUEST OF THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT, HAS AGREED TO END ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN LAOS OUTSIDE OF VIENTIANE AND TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE COMPLETE TERMINATION OF THE AGENCY'S PROGRAMS. YESTERDAY, U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS SAID THAT STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS IN THE SOUTHERN TOWN OF SAVANNAKHET HAD RELEASED THE 14 AMERICANS THEY HAD HELD UNDER HOUSE ARREST FOR EIGHT DAYS. THE WASHINGTON POST LISTS TWELVE AMERICANS RELEASED. (1)

RICHARD EDER NOTES THAT THE SOCIALIST PARTY, CONCERNED OVER WHAT IT FEARS IS THE EROSION OF ITS FREEDOM AND POWER, YESTERDAY MADE ITS MOST OPEN CHALLENGE TO THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE, PARTY LEADER MARIO SOARES ACCUSED THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF DISCRIMINATING IN FAVOR OF THE COM-

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MUNIST PARTY AND SAID THAT IF SUCH ONE-SIDEDNESS DID NOT END, THE SOCIALISTS WOULD QUIT THE COALITION CABINET. (1)

JOHN FINNEY REPORTS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS FACING AN OPEN CHALLENGE FROM SENATOR MANSFIELD OVER WHETHER THE U.S., IN THE PERIOD AFTER THE VIETNAM WAR, SHOULD ESTABLISH A MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN BY CONSTRUCTING A NAVAL AND AIR BASE ON THE ISLAND OF DIEGO GARCIA. (2)

DREW MIDDLETON WRITES THAT DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF THE VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN, THE NORTH KOREAN HIGH COMMAND MOVED ELEMENTS OF TWO ARMORED DIVISIONS INTO POSITION CLOSE TO THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. THESE UNITS HAVE NOT BEEN WITHDRAWN, ACCORDING TO U.S. MILITARY ANALYSTS, AND MUST BE REGARDED AS REINFORCEMENT OF THE NORTH KOREAN TROOPS DEPLOYED THERE. (2)

A SPECIAL TO THE TIMES REPORTS THAT POLAND AND THE U.S. HAVE QUIETLY SETTLED A PAIR OF POTENTIALLY THORNY FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. THE AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED LAST WEEK DURING A VISIT HERE OF MARIAN KRZAK, THE FIRST DEPUTY FINANCE MINISTER OF POLAND. LATER IN NEW YORK HE SIGNED A FINAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ON DEFAULTED PREWAR POLISH BONDS. (2)

ANOTHER SPECIAL TO THE TIMES REPORTS THAT ALEXANDER SHELEPIN, WHO WAS REMOVED FROM THE RULING POLITBURO LAST MONTH, LOST HIS JOB AS HEAD OF THE NATIONAL TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION YESTERDAY. (3)

UPI REPORTS THAT A GOVERNMENT ORDER PROHIBITING THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF LITERATURE PUBLISHED "UNDER THE FORMER REGIME" CLOSED DOWN VIRTUALLY ALL BOOKSTORES AND STALLS IN SAIGON YESTERDAY. (3)

HENRY TANNER NOTES THAT KING HUSAYN OF JORDAN, WHO LIVED IN VIRTUAL ISOLATION IN THE ARAB WORLD FOR YEARS, NOW HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH SYRIA AND IRAQ AS WELL AS WITH EGYPT AND THE CONSERVATIVE ARAB COUNTRIES OF THE PERSIAN GULF. THE SYRIAN-JORDANIAN MOVE TO BETTER RELATIONS HAS CAUSED CONCERN IN ISRAEL. (7)

REUTER REPORTS THAT THE SEMIOFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AL AHRAM SAID YESTERDAY THAT LIBYA AND THE SOVIET UNION HAD SIGNED AN AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE SOVIET UNION WOULD SET UP LAND, AIR, AND NAVAL BASES IN LIBYA. IN RETURN, THE SOVIET UNION REPORTEDLY AGREED TO PROVIDE LIBYA WITH \$4.4 BILLION IN ARMS. (9)

UPI REPORTS THAT THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT IT HAD NEGOTIATED ANOTHER CEASE-FIRE BETWEEN PALESTINIAN

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GUERRILLAS AND THE MILITIA OF THE RIGHT-WING PHALANGIST PARTY. HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUED FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT BY MIDNIGHT ONLY SCATTERED SHOOTING WAS REPORTED. (10)

PAUL KEMEZIS SAYS THAT THE DEFENSE MINISTERS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE COUNTRIES AGREED YESTERDAY IN BRUSSELS THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO INCREASE THE JOINT DEVELOPMENT AND PURCHASING OF ARMS. BUT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN WARY OF MAKING SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS TO INCREASE U.S. WEAPONS-BUYING IN EUROPE, WHICH HAS BEEN SMALL UP TO NOW. (12)

THE LEAD EDITORIAL STATES THAT A BASIC QUESTION UNDERLIES THE CURRENT DISCUSSION OVER ENDING A GENERATION OF CONTINUOUS CONFLICT BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAELIS. HAVE THE LEADING ARAB GOVERNMENTS CHANGED THEIR FUNDAMENTAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THE STATE OF ISRAEL? IS ARAB POLICY NO LONGER BASED ON THE JUDGMENT HELD SINCE THE STATE'S FORMATION IN 1948 THAT ISRAEL IS AN UNACCEPTABLE INTRUSION UPON THE ARAB MIDDLE EAST, AN IMPOSITION THAT ULTIMATELY MUST CEASE TO EXIST? THE IDEOLOGIES AND SUSPICIONS OF A WHOLE GENERATION ARE NOT CHANGED QUICKLY; BUT THE POSITIONS NOW BEING EXPRESSED BY THE MOST INFLUENTIAL ARAB LEADERS GIVE SOME REASON TO HOPE THAT THE UNCOMPROMISING RIGIDITY OF THE PAST MAY BE YIELDING TO A NEW PRAGMATISM. NO MAJOR ARAB SPOKESMAN NOW STANDS UP TO SAY "NO PEACE, NO NEGOTIATION, NO RECOGNITION" -- THE OFFICIAL STANCE OF THE ARAB WORLD AT KHARTOUM JUST EIGHT YEARS AGO. (34)

HAOUL BERGER CONTENDS THAT ONCE MORE CONGRESS HAS ABDICATED ITS CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, CARRIED AWAY BY A WAVE OF "RALLY AROUND THE FLAG" FEVER. THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HASTENED TO SET ITS SEAL ON THE PRESIDENT'S "EXERCISE OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS" IN SINKING CAMBODIAN PATROL BOATS IN ORDER TO REGAIN THE CAPTURED MERCHANT VESSEL MAYAGUEZ. DOES THE PRESIDENT HAVE AN "INHERENT RIGHT," AS HIS COUNSEL MR. HILLS POSTULATES, TO UNDERTAKE HOSTILITIES FOR THE "PROTECTION" OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND PROPERTY? THE CONSTITUTIONAL RECORDS DISCLOSE THAT THE FOUNDERS JEALOUSLY INSISTED ON A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF ENUMERATED, STRICTLY LIMITED POWERS. (35)

JAMES RESTON STATES THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN TO BE HIS AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N. IS BEING ATTACKED ON THE GROUND THAT PAT IS TOO BLUNT, TOO DRAMATIC, AND COMBATIVE TO REPRESENT THE U.S. AT SO DELICATE A TIME IN WORLD HISTORY. HE IS, OF COURSE ALL THESE THINGS -- A PEACOCK IN A WORLD OF POLITICAL CROWS. HE'S A TALKER, AND A "CHARACTER" FROM A PREVIOUS AGE: ARTICULATE, EVEN GARRULOUS, BUT HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, WITH A SENSE OF HISTORY AND EVEN A SENSE OF HUMOR -- IN SHORT MAYBE PRECISELY WHAT THE U.S. NEEDS

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AT THE UN IN THE COMING YEAR. (35)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SOCIALISTS MARCHED THROUGH LISBON YESTERDAY IN SUPPORT OF THEIR LEADER, MARIO SOARES, WHO THREATENED TO PULL OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT UNLESS A DRIFT TOWARD "COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP" IS HALTED. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES REPORTED THAT PREMIER VASCO GONCALVES, A GENERAL WHO HEADS THE ARMY'S RADICAL FACTION AND HAS OPENLY FAVORED THE COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT, HAS AGREED TO MEET PRESIDENT FORD ON THE SIDELINES OF NEXT WEEK'S SUMMIT MEETING IN BRUSSELS. (A-1)

DEAN MTLIS REPORTS THAT A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP OF 76 SENATORS WHO SIGNED A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT CALLING FOR STRONG SUPPORT OF ISRAEL SAID YESTERDAY THAT ANY DECREASE IN AMERICAN WILLINGNESS TO BACK THE ISRAELIS MILITARILY WOULD ENCOURAGE ANOTHER MIDEAST WAR. (A-1)

HENRY TREWHITT SAYS THAT THE NATO MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST CRITICAL POLITICAL TEST OF A U.S. CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE CREDIBILITY AFTER THE FALL OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA TO COMMUNISM. THE OUTCOME WILL HAVE A BEARING ON A BROAD RANGE OF LATER MEETINGS, MOST NOTABLY THE PROSPECTIVE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE AND THE OFTEN-DELAYED MEETING BETWEEN MR. FORD AND LEONID BREZHNEV. (A-2)

MICHAEL PARKS WRITES THAT SOVIET TRADE WITH THE WEST INCREASED NEARLY 50 PERCENT LAST YEAR, A RECORD JUMP, IN MOSCOW'S CONTINUING EFFORT TO INTEGRATE ITSELF INTO THE WORLD ECONOMY. (A-2)

LIBYA AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH RUSSIA WILL SET UP MILITARY LAND, AIR, AND NAVAL BASES IN LIBYA, THE SEMIOFFICIAL CAIRO NEWSPAPER AL AHRAM REPORTED YESTERDAY. (A-7)

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